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 SUBJECT: INFUX OF AFGHAN REFUGEES FROM PAKTIA
 FIGHTING

REF: PESHAWAR 2253 (NOTAL)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: ADVISED BY MUJAFEDIN COMMANDERS TO FLEE TO
 PAKISTAN IN ADVANCE OF ANTICIPATED HEAVY FIGHTING ALONG
 THE GARDEZ/PKHOST ROAD. MORE THAN 4300 AFGHANS HAVE TAKEN
 REFUGE IN NORTH WAZIRISTAN OPPOSITE PAKTIA PROVINCE SINCE
 DECEMBER 2. UNHCR IS DISTRIBUTING TENTS. COMMISSIONERATE
 FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES (CAR), UNHCR, WFP, AND SELECTED
 VOLAGS ARE MOBILIZING TO PROVIDE OTHER RELIEF GOODS
 END SUMMARY.

3. POLOFF DECEMBER 10 CALLED ON PESHAWAR UNHCR DEPUTY
 HEAD HELMUT LANGSCHWERT, WHO THE DAY BEFORE VISITED
 NORTH WAZIRISTAN VIA HELICOPTER, FOR A BRIEFING ON THE
 CURRENT INFUX OF REFUGEES FROM PAKTIA (REFTEL)
 LANGSCHWERT, ALONG WITH CAR OFFICIALS, MET WITH 350

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HEADS OF FAMILIES. AT A SITE IN (U)
 A KHEL (U) AND A
 HALF HOUR DRIVE SOUTHWEST OF MIRAN SHAH.

HOW MANY ARE COMING

4. CAR OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD COUNTED 700 FAMILIES (7105 PERSONS) WHO HAD ARRIVED BETWEEN DECEMBER 2 - 7 AND 147 FAMILIES (1160 PERSONS) ON DECEMBER 8. LANGSCHWERT OBSERVED 4 FAMILIES BEING COUNTED ON DECEMBER 9. THE REFUGEES ANTICIPATED MORE TO COME BUT WERE UNSPECIFIC AS TO HOW MANY. THUS, MORE THAN 8300 REFUGEES HAVE ARRIVED IN THE PAST WEEK. LANGSCHWERT STRESSED THAT THESE WERE NOT "OFFICIAL FIGURES," THAT THE CAR VERIFICATION TEAMS ON THE SCENE WERE CONFIRMING WHETHER THOSE COUNTED AT THE BORDER ARE GENUINE NEW ARRIVALS OR NOT. THE REFUGEES CAME WITH MANY PACK ANIMALS (CAMELS AND DONKEYS) AND A FEW CARS.

WHY THEY CAME.

5. THE HEADS OF FAMILIES TOLD THE UNHCR AND CAR OFFICIALS THAT MUJAHEDIN COMMANDERS INSIDE AFGHANISTAN HAD ADVISED THEM TO MOVE THEIR FAMILIES TO PAKISTAN TO AVOID ANTICIPATED HEAVY FIGHTING ALONG THE PARDEZ/KHOST ROAD. SOVIET AND PA FORCES HAVE BEEN MASSING TO REOPEN THIS ROAD TO THE MUJAHEDIN-RESIDENT TOWN OF KHOST. THE REFUGEES WERE UNABLE TO TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO PAKISTAN TO MIRAN SHAH BECAUSE PA TROOPS WERE AT THE BORDER BLOCKING IT AND SO THEY DETOURED 40 KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTHWEST AND ENTERED PAKISTAN IN THE DATTI KHEL AREA. ALL THE REFUGEES WERE FROM THE PAKHTUN-SPEAKING ZADRAI TRIBE (DATTI KHEL, ALI KHAN KHEL, ALI AKZAI KHEL, AND KORA KHEL, IN PARTICULAR).

WHAT SHAPE THEY ARE IN

6. LANGSCHWERT DID NOT OBSERVE NOR DID THE HEADS OF FAMILIES COMPLAIN OF ANY WAR INJURIES SUFFERED BEFORE OR DURING THEIR FLIGHT. SOME REFUGEES WERE SUFFERING FROM THE USUAL SEASONAL DISEASES. ALMOST ALL WERE IN AID NEED OF SHELTER. FAMILIES WERE Huddled BEHIND ROCKS TO SHELTER FROM THE WIND.

WHERE THEY ARE GOING

7. UNHCR AND CAR OFFICIALS PROPOSED TO THE HEADS OF FAMILIES THAT THE REFUGEES MOVE TO MIRANSHAH IN THE PUNJAB. THEY FLATLY REFUSED FOR THREE REASONS. FIRST, THE MEN -- ALMOST ALL ARMED -- WISH TO RETURN TO FIGHT IN THE JEHAD AND WANT THEIR FAMILIES NEARBY. SECOND, THEY CANNOT TAKE THEIR ANIMALS WITH THEM TO THE PUNJAB. THIRD, THEY CLOUSE ETHNIC TIES IN NORTH WAZIRISTAN. LANGSCHWERT SAID THE THE PROVINCE COUSSEVER FOR

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AFGHAN REFUGEE (4) HAD AGREED TO A TRANSIT SITE IN
 JATTA KHEL ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS FROM WHERE MOST ARE
 PRESENTLY CAMPED OUT, PROVIDED THE NORTH AFGHANISTAN
 POLITICAL AGENT APPROVED. THE TRANSIT SITE IS A HIGH
 PLAIN ONE KILOMETER FROM A STREAM FOR DRINKING WATER.
 LANGSCHWERT DID NOT GET A VERY SOLID IDEA OF WHETHER THE
 REFUGEES INTENDED (4)
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WHEN THE IMMEDIATE MILITARY THREAT PASSES.

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WHAT HELP THEY ARE GETTING

5. THEIR IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR PROTECTION FROM THE COLD. UNHCR IS SUPPOSED TO DISTRIBUTE 400 TENTS FROM MIRAM SHAR STOREHOUSES ON DECEMBER 10. ANOTHER 400 TENTS ARE COMING FROM STOREHOUSES ELSEWHERE IN THE PROVINCE. PCAR IS CONVENING A MEETING DECEMBER 10 OF UNHCR, WFP, AND SELECTED VOLARS (SERVE AND INTERAID) WHO HAVE A GOOD TRACK RECORD OF PROVIDING IMMEDIATE RELIEF GOODS (QUILTS, FOOD, COOKING UTENSILS, TENTS) IN THE PAST ON SHORT NOTICE. ASKED HOW THE NEW ARRIVALS WERE FEEDING THEMSELVES, LANGSCHWERT COMMENTED THAT MOST HAD BROUGHT FOOD WITH THEM. THE PCAR HAD AUTHORIZED THE VERIFICATION TEAMS TO ISSUE 15 DAYS RATIONS TO THOSE FAMILIES NEEDING FOOD.

COMMENT

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9. PESHAWAR UNHCR SEEMS SATISFIED THAT THEY, THE COMMISSIONERATE, AND SELECTED VILLAGES ARE RESPONDING QUICKLY ENOUGH TO MEET THE REFUGEES' IMMEDIATE NEEDS. UNLIKE PAST INFLOXES OF REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN, THIS INFLOX SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN ADVANCE OF FIGHTING TO MINIMIZE CASUALTIES. AS THE PREDOMINANT COMMANDER IN THE NORTH WEST, COMMANDER AHGUAZI OF PEZEE ISLAMI (KHALISI) PROBABLY MASTERMINDING THIS ORDERLY EVACUATION.

10. WAFOL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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